



**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Jean-François GONTHIER)	
)	Group Art Unit 3618
Appln. No.	:	09/835,638)	
)	Examiner J. Allen Shriver
Docket No.	:	P20847)	
)	Confirmation No. 4825
Customer No.	:	7055)	
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Filed	:	April 17, 2001)	
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Title	:	BINDING FOR RETAINING A BOOT ON A GLIDING OR ROLLING APPARATUS)	

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated November 17, 2003, for which Applicant requests an extension of time for one month, from February 17, 2004 to March 17, 2004, please enter the following amendment, which is believed to place the instant application in condition for allowance, based upon the Examiner's indication of allowability.

Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.